

# IN THE WOMAN'S WORLD

## KILOHANA CLUBWOMEN DISCUSS A CLOSER ALLIANCE OF WORK

### Plans for Participation in 'Big Sister' Movement Are Brought Up

In spite of the many things that are occupying the time and attention of the Honolulu women at present, the special meeting of the Kilohana club yesterday afternoon was well attended by representative women.

Miss Frances Lawrence opened the meeting with a few words as to the reason for calling the meeting. She said in part:

"This meeting has been called to discuss how a closer federation of social work now being done in Honolulu can be best effected. One of the watchwords of the present day is 'get together.' We see it being talked of in every phase of social activity. That a strong need is felt for closer union between the various efforts for public welfare here is shown by the hearty response to a call for this meeting."

"While there is a great deal of work being done all over the city—just how much is always amazing to one not in touch with it—it is mostly done by a small set of people. That there are women in Honolulu who wish to work but do not know what to do or how to do it, can scarcely be realized by the busy few. Yet there are many such as the investigation of the last week testifies, and only a small part of the ground has been covered. Now to form some sort of a board or organization where these women may be put in touch with the overburdened ones and help share the burden, I believe the principle object of this meeting. Just how to accomplish this in the best way is a matter for discussion. Organization is necessary, but the multiplying of organizations where there are so many already, will only add to confusion and not bring about the desired result. It has been suggested that the Kilohana Club with its change of name and broadening of the constitution, being non-sectarian and already having a club room, could mother such a movement, or perhaps gradually resolve itself into such a board. Whether this would bring about the desired effect or not is a question. If it is agreed that the Kilohana Club can best launch this movement, we are prepared to take charge of it. If other arrangements seem best, we will give it our support. This is not a personal matter, but a question of how the work at hand can be best accomplished."

"Two years ago the Kilohana Art League, it was then, began the agitation of a federation of clubs with the idea of securing a club house. The matter was not pushed then, as the time was not ripe. The subject has been discussed off and on, the idea gradually growing, that Honolulu would soon have to have a club house for women's work, or for federated clubs. Now the matter has come up again in quite a new way. So much enthusiasm has been met with in all parts of the city that some of us feel the time has come to do something. This meeting has been worked up by Mrs. F. E. Steere with whom the idea started."

"As a representative of the Kilohana Club under whose auspices this meeting has been called, I appoint Mrs. Steere as chairman of this meeting."

**Illustrates Plans for Work**

Mrs. Steere told of her own interest in the "Big Sister" movement and then with a map of circles including the different districts, she illustrated her plans for such a movement in this city.

One of her good arguments was that there are a great many clubs here whose work is to lend a helping hand where needed, and that if all of the clubs were brought closer together and their work catalogued and filed away there would be no overlapping of the efforts. She suggested that there be a central committee to whom cases should be referred and that this committee be composed of five of the wisest heads here. It was her suggestion that the central committee be composed of both men and women. The business of this central committee would be to work out and suggest plans for the handling of such cases as the circle chairman should find troublesome. There should also be reports from the various districts at regular intervals.

**Scheme Meets Favor**

From nearly every section of the room there were words of approval for Mrs. Steere's scheme and several ladies representing some of the foremost charitable organizations said that in their opinion each of the organizations would be better off if there was a closer federation of the clubs and if there was a head here where they might turn when help was needed.

Mrs. Steere said that there were a great many women in Honolulu who were willing and anxious to help in the social work here but did not know how to do it. If there is a close

federation here, however, any woman wishing to help may be shown a way and given a case to look after. There are already a great many women here who have under their care little children they are educating but there are still a great many of these little ones whose home conditions are not pleasant and who would gladly receive help from some of the older women.

Miss Elvora Sturgeon told of the work which she and a number of young women are doing for girls of the industrial school who are out on probation. Their plan has been to form neighborhood circles for these girls and to make life more interesting and worth while to them. So far they have been very successful and the girls are glad to join the circles.

Miss Rose Davison told of some of the work which has been done and of the many, many cases which might easily be handled by women who would be "Big Sisters."

When a standing vote was taken as to whether they would go on with a big sister movement nearly every woman in the room rose without hesitation.

Mrs. Steere appointed the following women chairmen of the neighborhood circles:

The chairman of the different circles are Miss Fletcher, Kaimuki; Mrs. Westervelt, Waikiki; Mrs. Dillingham, Moiliili; Mrs. Steere, Manoa; Mrs. F. A. Murphy, Makiki; Mrs. Fulsom, Plains; Miss Sturgeon, Nuuanu; Mrs. Walter Coombs, Alewa Heights; Mrs. Dreier, Palama; Mrs. William Mutch, Kailua; and the committee appointed to take charge of the affairs of the movement were Mrs. Williams, Mrs. F. E. Steere, Mrs. F. J. Lowrey, Miss Frances Lawrence and Miss Fletcher.

On Wednesday afternoon of next week another meeting will be held at the Kilohana Club at three-thirty in the afternoon and a cordial invitation is extended to all women interested in the work to be taken up. This movement has been agitated here for a few weeks, now and already active steps have been taken by some of Honolulu's most prominent women. Yesterday morning twelve of them visited the Circuit Court when a much-discussed case was brought up for trial.

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